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Sir:

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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of the references are enclosed. Note that WO 2003/072734 was previously cited in an earlier submitted IDS. Also attached is a copy of a Japanese Patent Office Action and its English translation dated April 6, 2010 in the Assignee s Japanese application relating to PCT/US06/006422 filed February 24, 2006 (Our ref. 4112-43), that cites the 8 listed references (copies are attached) – all of which have English versions or abstracts.

This information was received from a foreign patent office within three months of this submission and has not been seen before (except as noted above).

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